# Cranes, Derricks, Hoists, Elevators, and Conveyors - Subpart N Section 6

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Material Hoists, Personnel Hoists, and Elevators - 1926.552

Base-Mounted Drum Hoists - 1926.553

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# CRANES



.....and a few other pieces of equipment

#### General Requirements

- Follow manufacturer's specs and limits
- Capacities, speeds, warnings, instructions posted in view of operator
- ANSI standard hand signals posted at site
- Annual inspection documented





#### **Improper footing**







Wire ropes must be inspected prior to use each day. (Synthetic webbing slings must be inspected according to its specific standard 1926.251(e).)

#### Wire Rope Removed From Use When:

- 6 broken wires in 1 lay, 3 in 1 strand
- for example 3/4 inch, 6 x 19 IWRC is one lay or six inches.
- Outer wires worn 1/3 original diameter
- Birdcaged, crushed, kinked
- Heat damaged
- Reductions from nominal diameter

Sheave grooves may become grooved if cable's nominal diameter is reduced, indicating wear.



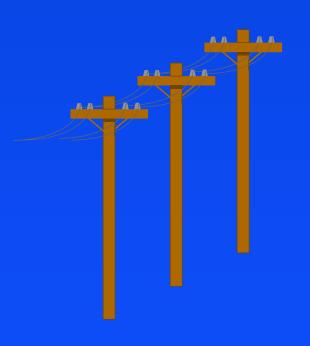
Belts, gears, shafts, pulleys, etc. guarded
Swing radius barricaded
Exhaust pipes guarded or insulated
Exhaust in enclosed spaces - air
monitoring

# General Requirements

- Windows in cabs no distortion
  - -Ladder or steps to cab roof
  - -Guardrails, handholds, steps to cab
  - -Anti-skid walking surfaces
  - -Fire extinguisher of 5BC rating

#### Crane Electrical Hazards

If operator has no clear view, spotter needed Work near transmitter towers may require grounding cables





At LEAST 10 ft. from wires





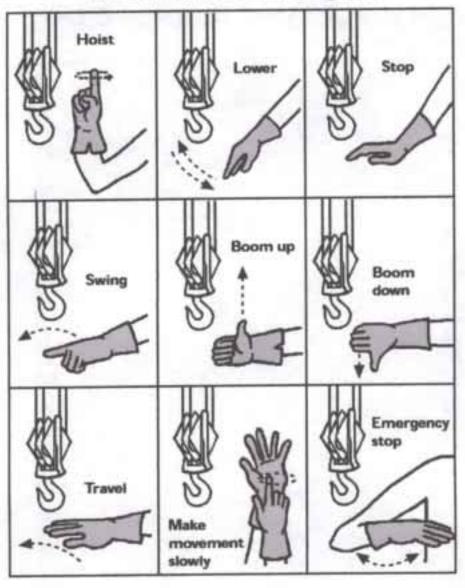
#### General Requirements

- -NO modifications or additions without manufacturer's written approval.
- All employees clear of suspended loads at all times.

#### Mark's first crane



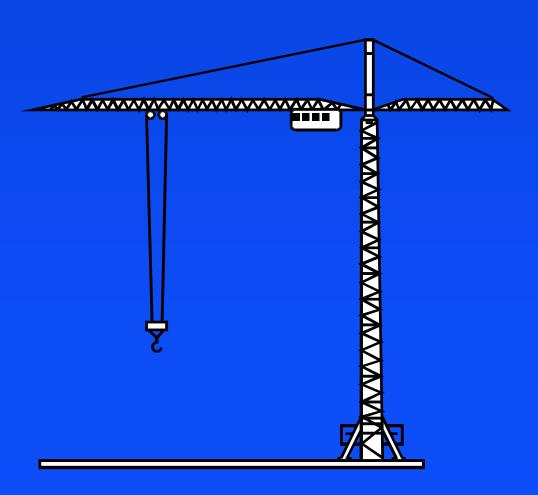
#### Recommended Hand Signals



#### **Crawlers and Locomotives**

Compliance with ANSI B30.5-1968
Record of inspections on file
Jibs have positive stops to prevent
overbooming of more than 5 degrees
above the straight line of the jib

# **Tower Cranes**





#### Slewing unit of tower crane







#### Hammerhead Tower Cranes - 1926.550

- Employees tied off on horizontal booms
- Buffers at each end of trolley
- Limit switches in place
- Manufacturer's recommendations
- Adequate clearances maintained

# Suspended Personnel Platforms







# Personnel baskets (Personnel platforms)

Rule #1- May only be used when there is NO OTHER safe means of performing the work! Personnel baskets are the tool of last resort.

# Personnel basket crane specs

Brakes set, level within 1% of grade
Derate machine capacity 50%
Load line safety factor 7-10 times
No live boom machines
Telescoping boom length indicator
No free fall- power up & power down

# Positive anti-two block device



# Anemometer



#### Suspended Personnel Platforms Design

- Support 5 times intended load
- Guardrail, enclosed from midrail to toeboard, grab rail installed inside
- Hard hats and overhead protection
- Welding by qualified welder
- Weight of platform and rated capacity marked

#### Suspended Personnel Platforms - 1926.550

Master link or shackle for bridle legs

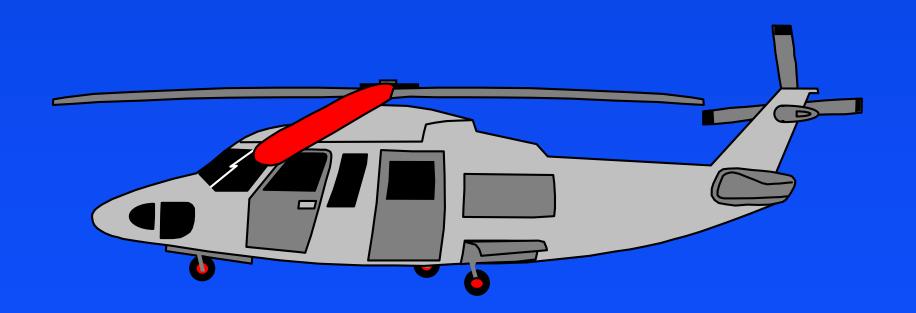
-Eyes fabricated with thimbles

Rigging used only for personnel basket

Basket landed or secured before entry

Employees tied off to basket

# Helicopters



## **Helicopters - 1926.551**

Federal Aviation Administration regulations Briefing (includes emergency drop zone) Slings and tag lines, cargo hooks Personnel Protective Equipment Hooking and unhooking (static electricity) Signal systems, visibility, & communication Approach distance and approaching Fires

#### Air crane at McKee Foods







# Material Hoists, Personnel Hoists, and Elevators - 1926.552

### General Requirements

- Manufacturer's specifications and limitations
- Capacities, speeds, hazard warnings posted
- -Removal of damaged wire rope





#### **Material Hoists**

- Operating rules established and posted at operator station No riders
- Entrances to hoistways protected
- Overhead protection cages, platforms, operator stations
- Hoist tower enclosures
- Car arresting devices in case of rope failure
- Designed by professional engineer



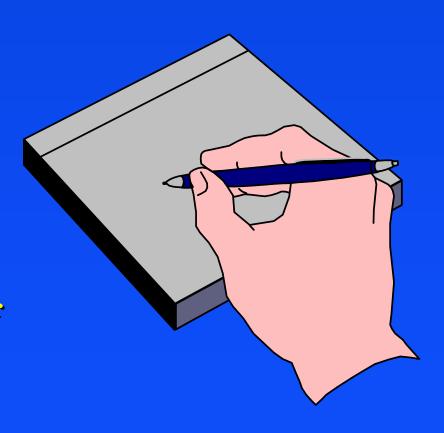


#### Personnel Hoists and Elevators - 1926.552

- Tower anchored to structure every 25 ft.
- Cars permanently enclosed on all sides except entrance
- Doors or 78"-high gates at each level
- Electric safety contacts on doors/gates
- Capacity and data posted
- Emergency stop switch inside car
- Inspection and testing before use and every 3 months

## The Most Frequent Citations:

Failure to guard swing radius Operating near power lines No load chart Unnecessary use of personnel basket



## This lift should have been stopped before it got this far



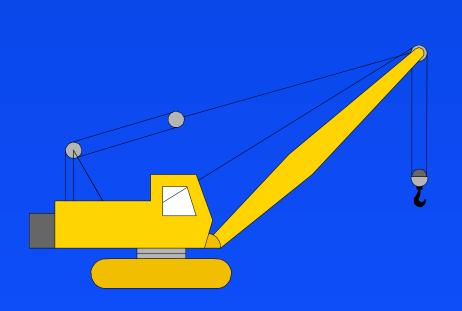








# What Questions Do You Have On Cranes, Derricks, Hoists, and Conveyors?



Now I have a few questions

Please turn to the Crane Test page in your handout material

## Crane, Derricks, Hoists

- 1. The CLOSEST crane approach to live power line?
- 2. Suspended personnel platforms may ONLY be used when?
- 3. Are broken wires allowed?
- 4. The size extinguisher for a crane?

## Answers

- 1. No CLOSER than 10 feet
- 2. When there's no other safe way to work
- 3. No more than 6 in 1 lay, 3 in 1 strand
- 4. 5 BC Extinguisher (minimum)

## Take a break!

Be back in TEN minutes

